



**BC Cat Skiing**

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Cat skiing involves conveying people up a mountain in a snowcat, the same heavy machine that is used for grooming the slopes of commercial snow resorts. The use of a snowcat allows people to ski or ride fresh, untracked backcountry terrain, without the effort and equipment required for ski touring, or foot-travel.



It is also more economical and environmentally friendly than heliskiing, which involves commuting to the top of a mountain by helicopter. First started in 1975 in Meadow Creek, BC, cat skiing has grown to 20 operations in BC, more than 40 worldwide, and hosts more than 40 000 visitors each season. White Grizzly Cat Skiing caters to a maximum of 12 guests per day, which means our unique services are only experienced by approximately 200 guests each winter.





# The Art of Cat Skiing

The White Grizzly experience is one created by forethought, dedication to the craft, connection to the natural surroundings, inspiration via many essences, precise attention to detail, years of improvement on technique and training. White Grizzly is the Art of Cat Skiing.



In March of 2012, Carole and Brad hosted Winter Dreams, a five-day event that launched the incorporation of live-art into the White Grizzly Cat Skiing experience for those who desire it. Each day, an artist in residence went out on the mountain with the group, and the artist's current works were on display at the Lodge and available for purchase. Guests may even commission particular scenes or portraits on the mountain.



Carole began to envision an evolution of art with skiing while working as the marketing manager of Le Massif Ski Area in Quebec. But she wanted to go beyond using resident-art as promotional material for her business, and create an opportunity where skiers could develop their own relationship with the art, and the artist. She feels this will allow them to appreciate their own experiences more deeply. She says:



# Ability Level for our type of Cat Skiing

You must have powder experience and be physically fit to ski or snowboard at White Grizzly.

We take our guests primarily through steep, treed terrain. This involves making fast turns in deep powder, and is a very different experience from skiing or riding on groomed runs, or open alpine terrain. If you have never cut a line through tight trees, or if you have some inexperienced members in your party, White Grizzly may not offer a suitable cat skiing adventure for you. We would be happy to refer you to some other excellent snowcat and or heli skiing operations.

We cater to a maximum of 12 guests. Be prepared to make six or seven long runs in a day (rarely less than 5500 metres, usually 6000-7500 metres), at a decent pace.

Our facilities are also available for exclusive, private group use. In this case, we can provide a custom adventure including tailored experiences for lower ability levels, cat-assisted touring, video and/or photography, For more information, see Packages.





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